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CHAPTER I - INCORPORATION AND GENERAL POWERS

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Section 1-1. Incorporation

All the inhabitants dwelling within the territorial limits of the Town of Stonington, as heretofore constituted, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate under the name of "the Town of Stonington", and hereinafter called "the Town", and as such shall have perpetual succession and may hold and exercise all powers and privileges heretofore exercised by the Town and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter, the additional powers and privileges herein conferred and all powers and privileges conferred upon towns under the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, hereinafter called "the General Statutes".

Section 1-2. Rights and Obligations

All property, both real and personal, all rights of action and rights of every description and all securities and liens vested or inchoate, whether accrued or not, in the Town as of the effective date of this Charter shall be continued in the Town. The Town shall continue to be liable for all debts and obligations of every kind for which the Town shall be liable on said date. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the right of the Town to collect any assessment, charge, debt or lien.

If any contract has been entered into by the Town prior to the effective date of this Charter or any bond or undertaking has been given by or in favor of the Town, such contracts, bonds or undertakings shall be in no manner impaired but shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 1-3. General Grant of Powers

In addition to all powers granted to Towns under the Constitution and the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut or which may hereafter be conferred, the Town shall have all powers specifically granted by this Charter and all powers implied in or incident to the powers expressly granted, all powers conferred by Section 7-194 of the General Statutes and by Special Acts of the General Assembly not inconsistent with this Charter. The Town shall also have all other powers incident to the management of the property, government and affairs of the Town, including the power to enter into contracts with the United States Government or branch thereof, the State of Connecticut or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any body politic or corporate not expressly forbidden by the Constitution and General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. The enumeration of particular powers in this and any other Chapter of this Charter shall not be construed as limiting this General Grant of Powers but shall be considered as an addition thereto.

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